

Supplemental Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment, which is supplemental to the amendment dated 3/8/2010, is shown below. Claims 1, 3-6, 13-14, 16-32, and 34-36 are allowed, for reasons of record. A statement of reasons for allowance was discussed in the office action dated 3/8/2010.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Clough on 4/29/2010.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. For claim 1, line 3, *after* "of", **delete** "claim 23 23" and **insert** "claim 23."

Information Disclosure Statements

4. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 6/29/2006 and 3/11/2010 were filed. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements have been considered by the examiner.

Conclusion

5. Claims 1, 3-6, 13-14, 16-32, and 34-36 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SARAH PIHONAK whose telephone number is (571)270-7710. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM EST.

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